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SUBJ: ANTARCTICA AND SRI LANKA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. THE STATEMENTS BY PERMREP AMBASSADOR AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA)  
TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING APAR-  
GRAPHS ON ANTARCTICA: QUOTE. THERRE ARE STILL AREAS OF THIS  
PLANET WHERE OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND PEACE-  
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FUL COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR

THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL RATHER THAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW. SUCH AN AREA IS THE ANTARTIC CONTINENT. WHILE WE WOULD REFRAIN AT THIS STAGE FROM COMMENTING ON THE ATTITUDES OF STATES REGARDING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THIS LAST DARK CONTINENT OR PORTIONS OF IT, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THERE ARE VAST POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEW INITIATIVE THAT WOULD REDOUNT TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND. ANTARCTICA IS AN AREA WHERE THE NOW WIDELY ACCEPTED IDEAS AND CONCEPTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WITH THEIR SPECIAL STRESS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES, CAN FIND AMPLE SCOPE FOR APPLICATION, GIVEN THE COOPERATION AND GOODWILL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SO FAR BEEN ACTIVE IN THAT AREA.

IT MAY BE NOTED THAT THE ANTARCTICA TREATY OF 1959 WAS DESIGNED SOLELY TO PRESERVE THE AREA EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CONDUCT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TO PREVENT THE CONTINENT FROM BECOMING THE SCENE OR OBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCORD. OUR REFERENCE TO THE RESOURCES OF THIS CONTINENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO HINDER THE PROGRAMMES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTITUTED OR THAT MAY BE INSTITUTED IN THE FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY. AT THE SAME TIME I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF ANTARCTICA IS IN NO WAY LINKED WITH THE ISSUES BEFORE THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND, THEREFORE, THIS QUESTION SHOULD NOT DELAY AGREEMENT ON A NEW CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THE MENTION OF THIS SUBJECT WILL NOT, I HOPE, CREATE A FLUTTER IN ANY DOVECOTES. END QUOTE.

2. AT THIS TIME THE AGENDA OF THE 30TH UNGA DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY ITEM RELATING TO ANTARCTICA.  
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